



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Black *et al.* Art Unit : 1656  
Serial No. : 10/784,300 Examiner : David J. Steadman  
Filed : February 24, 2004 Conf. No. : 5048  
Title : CRYSTALLINE TNF-ALPHA-CONVERTING ENZYME AND USES  
THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This submission is in response to the Final Office Action and Advisory Action dated February 27, and August 6, 2007, respectively, issued in the above-referenced application, and further to the Notice of Appeal and Amendment After Final (referred to herein as "Amendment AF") filed on July 27, 2007. The status of this submission is clarified as follows: In response to the Final Office Action dated February 27, 2007, Applicants filed the Notice of Appeal and the Amendment AF on July 27, 2007. The Office issued an Advisory Action on August 6, 2007 indicating that the Amendment AF was not entered into the record as it allegedly raised "new issues that would require further consideration and/or search." Applicants are submitting herewith a revised Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action, along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and required RCE and extension fees. The present submission replaces the Amendment AF of July 27, 2007, which was not entered into the record. Thus, the claims as amended herein are based on the claims that were finally rejected by the Office in the Final Office Action of February 27, 2007.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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